(*d*) was there not a circular by the Government that compensation will be given to these schools for the concessions allowed by them;

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state why compensation is not paid?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) 102. (Of these, 17 schools have either their Primary or Lower Secondary section aided).

(*i*) 4,353.
(*ii*) 340.
(*iii*) 659.

(*b*) No, as regards unaided classes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The matter is under correspondence.

EXPORT OF RICE

693. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is there any truth in the newes reported in the "Express" newspaper published on 1st Dhanu 1121 under the heading "തമ്പുരാനിൽനിന്നുള്ള ദിവാനയപ്പ്" that the Madras correspondent of "Mathrubhoomi" writes that the Government of India has issued orders that 19 thousand tons of rice from Cochin should be given to Mysore;

(*b*) whether any orders have been received for sending rice to any place outside Cochin;

(*c*) how many tons of rice are required annually for consumption in Cochin;

(*d*) how many tons of rice are produced in Cochin annually;

(*e*) whether the Government has exported rice or paddy from Cochin during the last five years;

(*f*) if so, how much and in what years?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) No, there is no truth in the report.

(*b*) No such orders have been received.

(*c*) The consumption will vary according to the price of rice and the purchasing power of the consumers. Assuming that an adult will consume 1 lb. of rice and a child half a pound the quantity required for consumption of the whole population of the State would be about 2,18,000 tons a year;

(*d*) The production also will vary with the actual extent of land cultivated in a year, the climatic conditions, etc. The gross production for the current year is estimated at about 80,000 tons.

(*e*) & (*f*) A loan of 5,000 tons rice was given to Madras during 1945.

FEDERATED MADURA COMPANY WORKERS UNION

694. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if they have not registered a Union representing workers of the Madura Company under the name the Federated Madura Company Worker's Union;

(*b*) when was it;

(*c*) have the Government or the Commissioner of Labour received any representations from the Union since the Union was registered; if so, what were these representations;

(*d*) what action was taken by the Government or by the Commissioner of Labour in the matter and with what effect;

(*e*) is it a fact that the Manager of the Madura Company informed the Commissioner of Labour that he had no jurisdiction to interfere in the matter or anything to the effect;

(*f*) has the Labour Commissioner of the State no right to interfere in any dispute with the Madura Company and their labour even though the Company has its Boat Yard and other places of activities within the State;

(*g*) has it been brought to the notice of the Government that this Company has been persistently refusing to give any reply to the representations made by the Union or to have a personal discussion with the representatives of the workers?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On 17—2—1944.

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(c) The Director of Industries and Commerce as Labour Commissioner received representations from the Union on the following points.

(i) Extra ration.
(ii) Increase of basic wages.
(iii) Increase of dearness allowance.
(iv) Bonus.
(v) Medical help.
(vi) Reduction in the pay of the boat crew.
(vii) Increase in the batta paid to the boat crew.
(viii) The lot of the workers in the barges.
(ix) Conditions of the barge crew when the barges are under repair.
(x) Indiscriminate and wanton fining of the workers.
(xi) Discharge of workers without notice on the ground that they demand higher wages.
(xii) Persistent irresponsiveness of the management to the prayers of the workers.

The Government also received a petition from the President of the Union requesting for an adjudication of the dispute between the Company and the Union.

(d) The matter was enquired into. Government could not however take any statutory action as they have no jurisdiction over the Company, which is situated in British Cochin.

(e) Yes.
(f) Government have no jurisdiction.
(g) Yes.

FOOT PATH—CHENNAMANGALAM VILLAGE

695. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. ഐബ്രാസ്സ്വൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവൺമെണ്ട് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ചേന്ദമംഗലം വില്ലേജിൽപ്പെട്ട ഗോതുരുത്തിന്റെ പടിഞ്ഞാറെ അറ്റം തുടങ്ങി P. W. D.-ൽ നിന്നും ഫ ഫ ഫ-ൽ ഒരു foot-path നിർമ്മിക്കുവാൻ ആരംഭിച്ച ഉദ്ദേശം പകുതിയോളം ആക്കി പണി നിർത്തിവെക്കുവാൻ പ്രത്യേക വല്ല കാരണങ്ങളുമുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഡക്കും പുറവും ഗോതുരുത്തും തമ്മിൽ ഒരു പാലം വഴി ഘടിപ്പിക്കേണ്ട അത്യാവശ്യകത ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽപെട്ടിട്ടും ആ പാലത്തിന്റെ പണി തുടങ്ങുവാൻ ഇനിയും താമസം എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണ്?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ:

(എ) ഗോതുരുത്തിയും ചേന്ദമംഗലവും കൂടി ഘടിപ്പിക്കുന്ന പാലം പണി തീർന്നതിനശേഷം ഈ റോഡ് പണി തുടങ്ങാമെന്നാണ് റോഡ് ബോർഡ് നിർദ്ദേശം.

(ബി) ഈ പാലത്തിന്റെ പണി ചേന്ദമംഗലം റോർഡ് പണി കഴിഞ്ഞതിന്റെ ശേഷം എടുക്കുന്നതാണ്.

DUST NUISANCE—PUBLIC ROADS

696. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) if they are aware of the dust nuisance created by putting dry mud periodically on the public roads;
(b) if it does not affect the public health;
(c) what measures the Government have adopted to remove this evil?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(a) Slight blinding by gravelling earth does not create excessive dust.
(b) And the public health also will not suffer.
(c) When ordinary clay from the fields is used by contractors the evil is real. Strict orders are being issued to see that unsuitable material is not used.

LABOURERS' QUARTERS—VAZHACHALKUTHU

697. Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) are the Government aware of the fact that sanitary conditions are miserably ignored with regard to the labourers' housing quarters (pathies) at Vazhachalkuthu maintained and run by the Government;
(b) did the Sub-Assistant Surgeon in Charge of the dispensary, Anamallais Road Works, Kanjirapilly, represent the fact regarding the insanitary conditions of the "pathies" to the Assistant Engineer the administrative authority;
(c) if so, how many times did he represent the cause with dates of such reports;

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